

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated December 22, 2008, claims 28 and 30 have been amended. Claims 16-22, 24, 26-28, 30-38, 42 and 43 are now pending in this application. No new matter has been added.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 16-22, 24, 26-28, 30-38, 42 and 43 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yoshimura et al. (USPN 5,596,419) in view of Fujii et al. (USPN 6,686,965).

I. The rejection of claims 16-22, 24, 26 and 27 is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 16 delineates, *inter alia*:

..., wherein
said still image recording portion records the still image as a digital file,
when a still image transfer command including a still image file name is received from the external apparatus, said command executing portion selectively transmits the still image based on the still image file name, and
when a video transfer command including a video file name is received from the external apparatus, said command executing portion selectively transmits the video based on the video file name.

Independent claim 26 delineates similar subject matter.

In the Office Action, the Examiner admits that Yoshimura et al. does not disclose these features of independent claims 16 and 26 (see bottom of page 3 to the top of page 4 of the Office Action). The Examiner has relied upon Fujii as teaching these features, referring to the description at column 5, lines 1-30, which describes:

FIG. 3 is a perspective view showing an electronic camera and a printer both showing another embodiment. Electronic camera 20 is connected to printer

40 through cable 30. The electronic camera 20 has therein liquid crystal monitor 21, while the printer 40 has therein liquid crystal display plate 41 which can display only letters or numerals.

In the present embodiment, it is possible for electronic camera 20 to transmit information relating to frame numbers together with image signals to printer 40 through cable 30. The printer 40 prints images on image forming medium P such as a sheet of paper based on image signals transmitted.

When making the printer 40 to select a specific image and to print it in this case, it is necessary to display information needed by a user to specify an image on liquid crystal display board 41 of the printer 40. However, since a file name is specific to an image, many images are erased, and when images are picked up newly, numbers included in file names corresponding to the images are increased. Therefore, even when DSC1121 which means the sixth sheet image, for example, is displayed on the liquid crystal display board 41, a user cannot specify the image immediately.

Contrary to the foregoing, in the present embodiment, *electronic camera 20 transmits information relating to the frame number together with image signals, and printer 40, on the other hand, displays the frame number (6 in FIG. 3) corresponding to the image to be printed on liquid crystal display board 41. Therefore, a user can recognize that the image to be printed is one on the sixth sheet, by observing the display, thereby it is easy to specify the image.* (Emphasis added)

As clearly described, the electronic camera 20 of Fujii transmits information relating to the frame number *together with image signals* to the printer 40 and the user can then observe the LC display board 41 and recognize the image to be printed. For example, the user can observe the LC display board 41 and recognize that that the image selected to be printed is one on the sixth sheet from the frame number 6, as depicted in Fig. 3 of Fujii. This further means that the Examiner does not have to specify the image on the LC display board 41 for printing.

Moreover, Fujii does not disclose or suggest that a command executing portion transmits information on a correspondence between a still image and a video to an external apparatus.

Clearly, in Fujii, *no command having a still image file name and/or a video file name is issued from printer 40 to camera 20* to command the camera 20 to send the still image and/or

video that corresponds to the still image file name/video file name to the printer, as required by independent claims 16 and 26. In fact, Fujii has no description regarding how the image signals, together with the information relating to the frame number, are commanded to be sent from camera 20 to printer 40. Without such description, it cannot be presumed that a command to send images from the camera 20 to the printer 40 was issued by printer 40 (the external apparatus).

Clearly, Yoshimura et al. and Fujii et al., considered alone or in combination, do not disclose or suggest the above-noted features recited in independent claims 16 and 26. Therefore, independent claims 16 and 26, as well as dependent claims 17-22, 24, 27, 42 and 43 are patentable over Yoshimura et al. and Fujii et al.

II. To expedite prosecution, independent claim 28 has been amended to delineate, *inter alia*:

...
a digital network interface digitally bi-directionally communicating with an external apparatus;

a still image selection command issuing portion transmitting ***through said digital network interface to the external apparatus*** a file name of a still image capable of selecting the still image;

...
a video selection command issuing portion transmitting ***through said digital interface to the external apparatus*** a file name of the video capable of selecting the video;

Independent claim 30 has been amended to delineate similar subject matter.

Amended independent claims 28 and 30 are drafted from the viewpoint of a reproducing device (e.g., a printer). Therefore, in Fujii, the external device would correspond to the camera 20 while the reproducing device would correspond to the printer 40 of Fig. 3. Fujii does not

disclose or suggest a still image selection command issuing portion (of the printer 40 as a reproducing device) transmitting through a digital network interface to an external apparatus (camera 20) a file name of a still image capable of selecting the still image, or a video selection command issuing portion (of the printer 40 as a reproducing device) transmitting through the digital interface to the external apparatus (camera 20) a file name of the video capable of selecting the video. Therefore, amended independent claims 28 and 30, as well as dependent claims 31-38 are patentable over Yoshimura et al. and Fujii et al.

III. In view of the above, the allowance of claims 16-22, 24, 26-28, 30-38, 42 and 43 is respectfully requested.

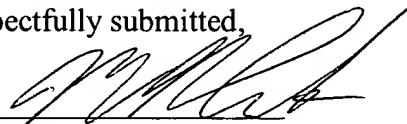
CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is urged that the application, as now amended, is in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Michael R. Cammarata Reg. No. 39,491 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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